



Moab Geographic Area

The geographic area is managed for the protection of the sole-source aquifer recharge. Sustainable recreation and protection of scenery are additional management considerations due to the economic value they bring to the adjacent communities.

Desired Conditions:

- A diversity of recreational opportunities, including dispersed camping, is available without impacting the sole-source aquifers.

Objectives:

- Close all unauthorized motorized routes when they are found, on annual basis.
- Designate and harden dispersed camping sites in the geographic area within ten years.

Standards and Guidelines:

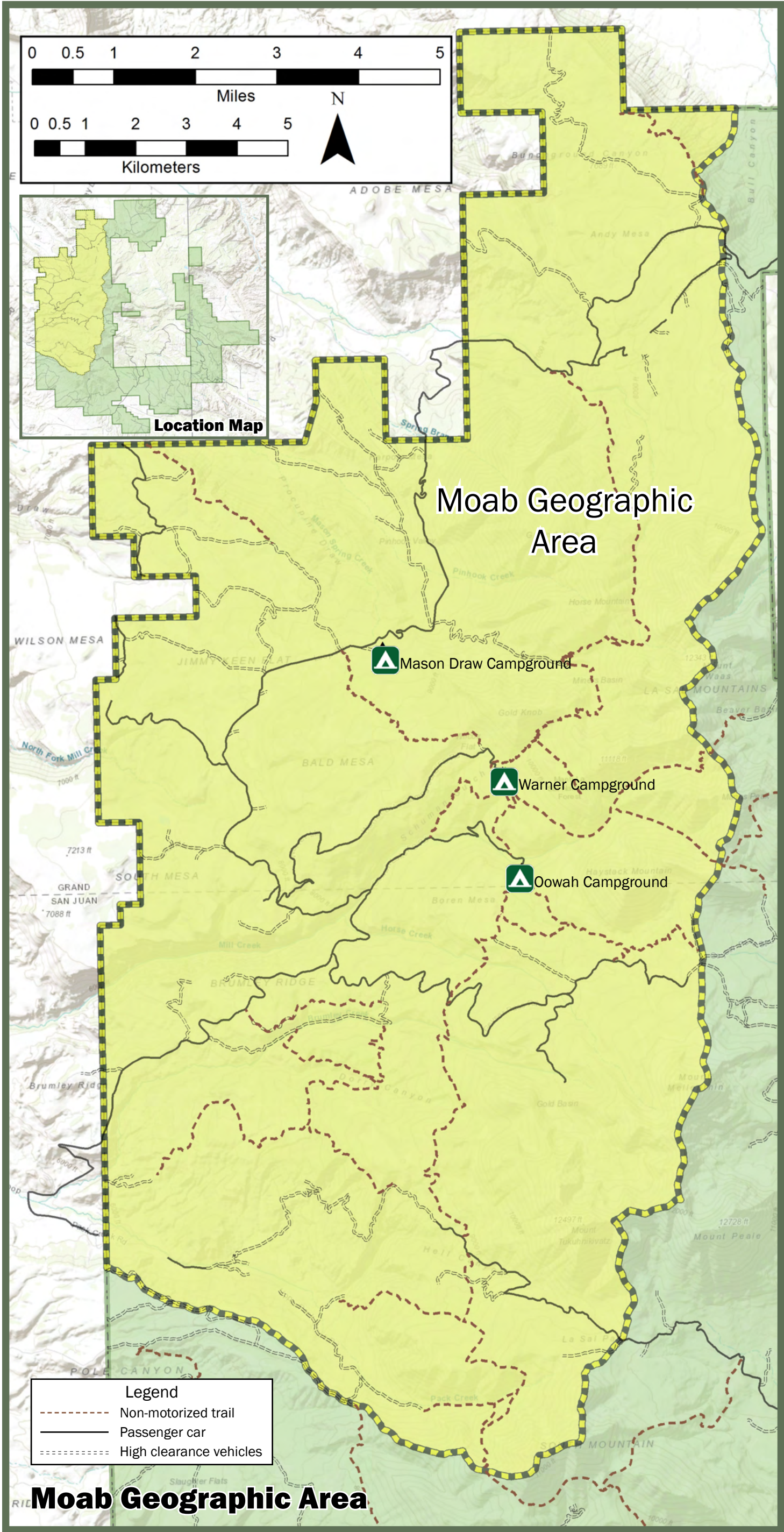
- Camping sites shall not be officially designated within 100 feet of open water unless the site can be hardened or otherwise mitigated.
- Dispersed camping shall occur only at officially designated sites within roaded natural and semiprimitive motorized recreation opportunity spectrum areas.
- Timber production is not suitable but may be acceptable for protection or enhancement of the geographic area desired conditions.

When the current forest plan was signed... special areas like Pinhook Battleground and Monte Lewis Botanical Area were identified, now larger landscapes require special attention.

What else has changed?

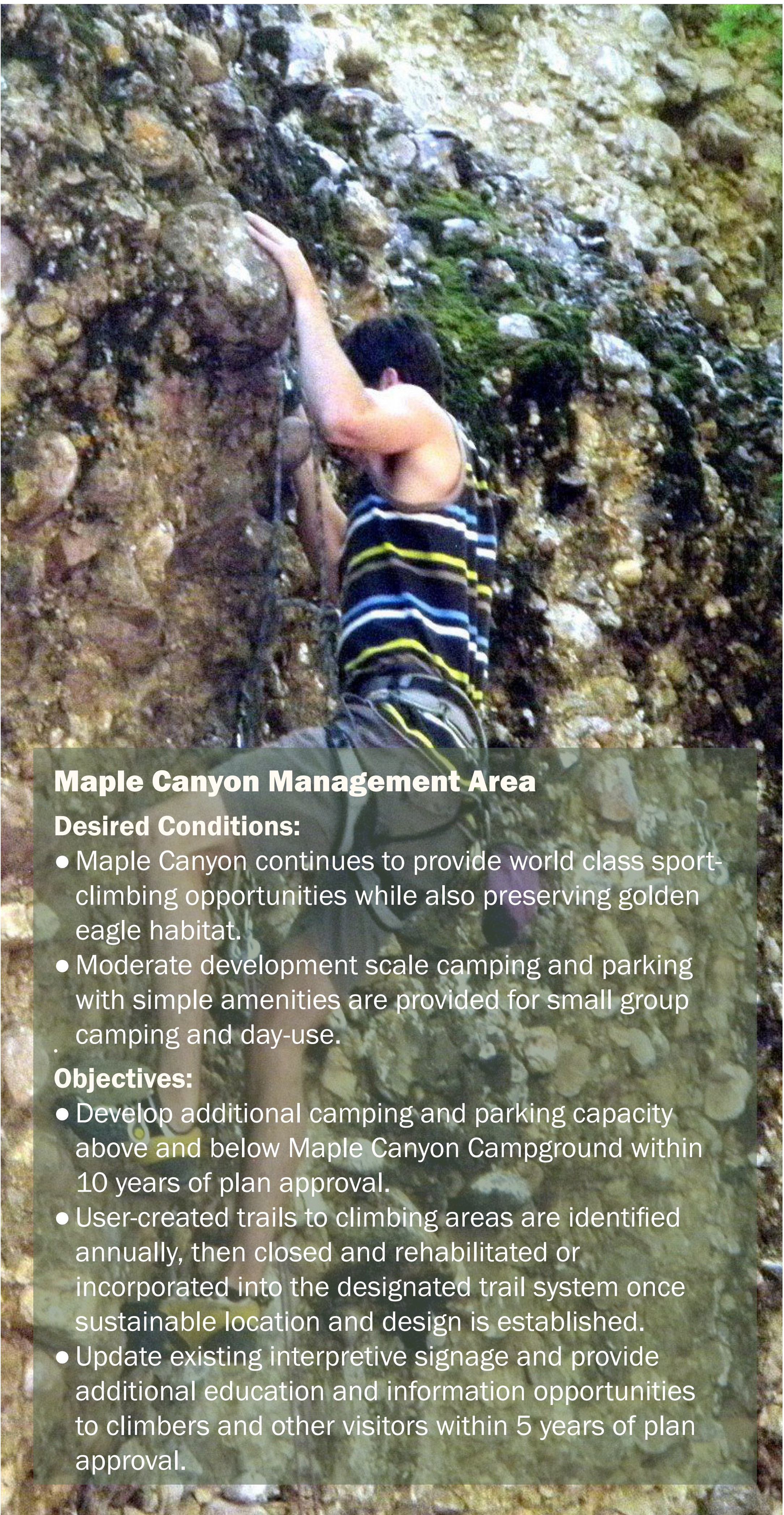
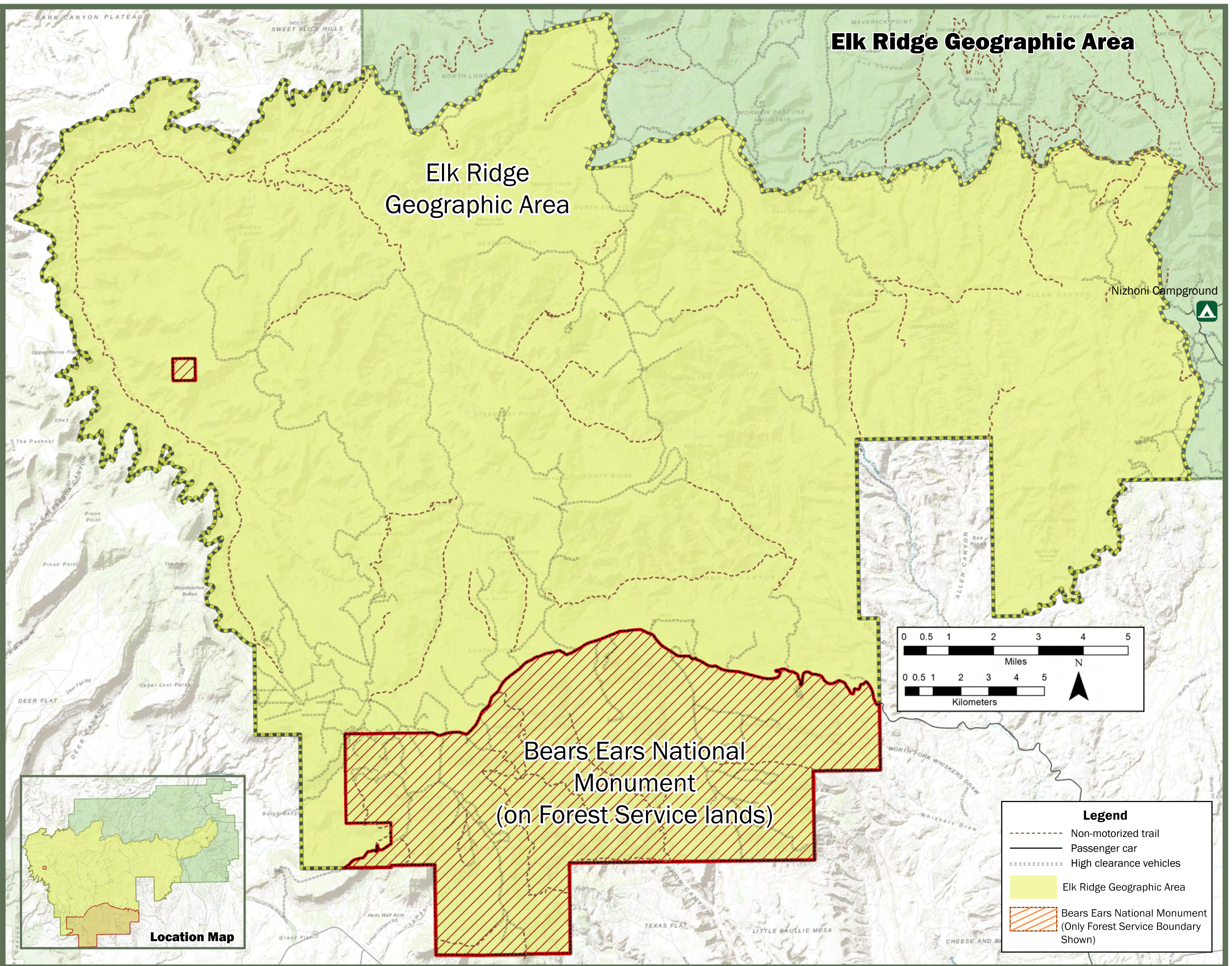
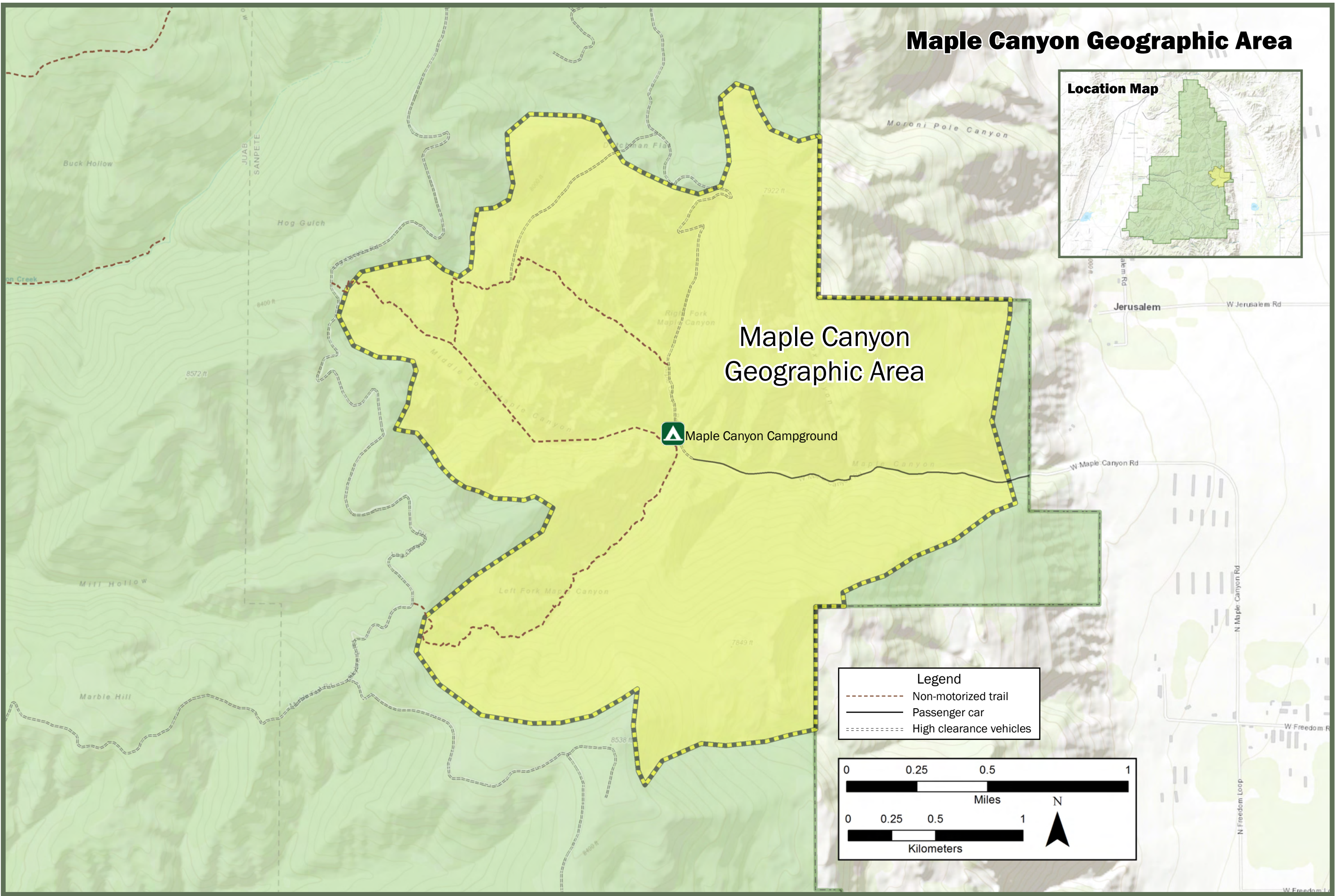
- Increased Visitation and Population
- New, and Different Types of Recreation, and Technology

- International Visitation
- Designation of Bears Ears National Monument



Other Management and Geographic Areas include:

- Horn Mountain/Wildcat Knolls Management Area (please see the poster at the Wildlife Station)
- Monticello and Blanding Municipal Watershed Management Area (please see the Draft Forest Plan online)
- Elk Ridge Management Area is also discussed at the Wildlife and Cultural Stations



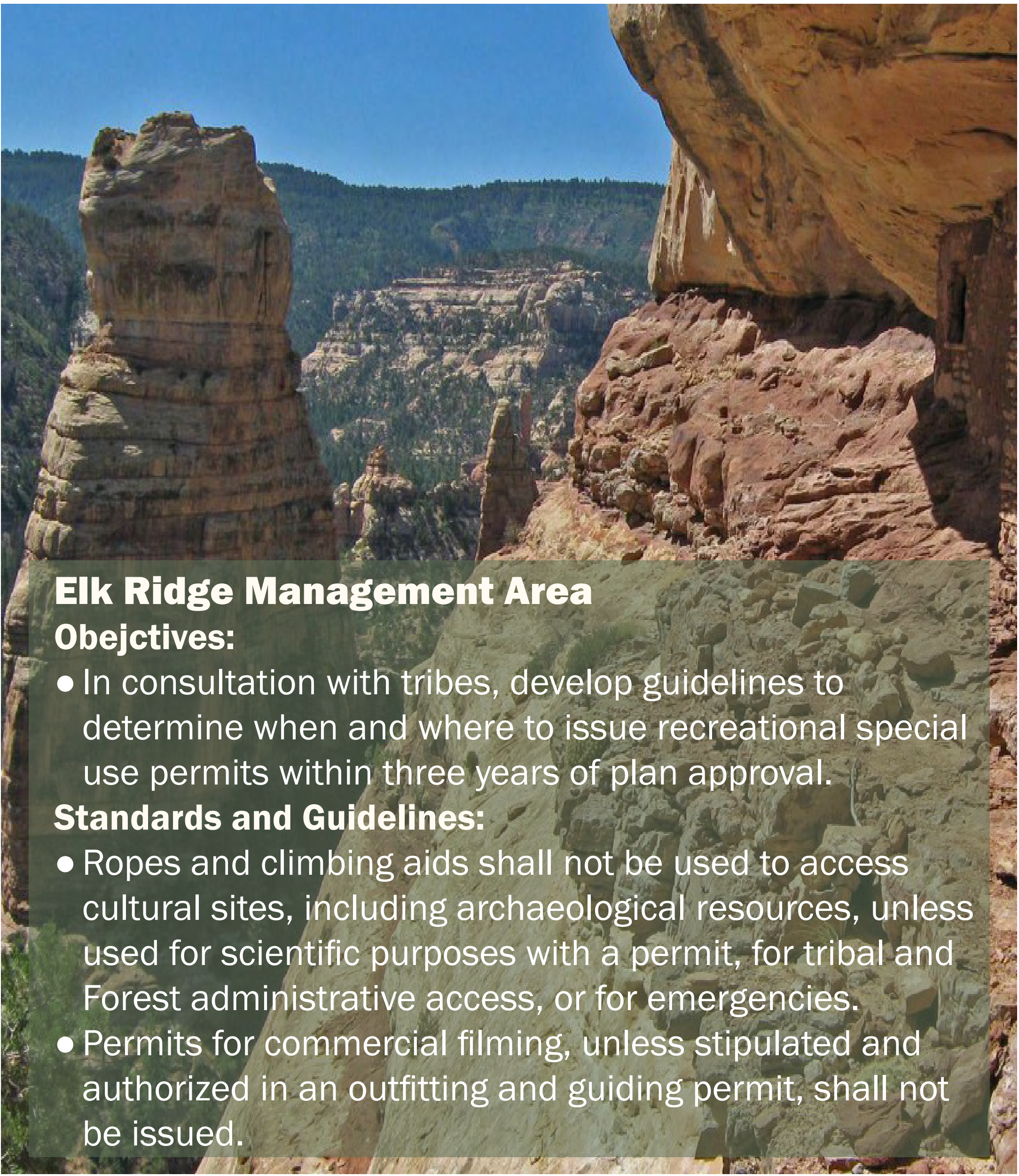
Maple Canyon Management Area

Desired Conditions:

- Maple Canyon continues to provide world class sport-climbing opportunities while also preserving golden eagle habitat.
- Moderate development scale camping and parking with simple amenities are provided for small group camping and day-use.

Objectives:

- Develop additional camping and parking capacity above and below Maple Canyon Campground within 10 years of plan approval.
- User-created trails to climbing areas are identified annually, then closed and rehabilitated or incorporated into the designated trail system once sustainable location and design is established.
- Update existing interpretive signage and provide additional education and information opportunities to climbers and other visitors within 5 years of plan approval.



Elk Ridge Management Area

Obejectives:

- In consultation with tribes, develop guidelines to determine when and where to issue recreational special use permits within three years of plan approval.

Standards and Guidelines:

- Ropes and climbing aids shall not be used to access cultural sites, including archaeological resources, unless used for scientific purposes with a permit, for tribal and Forest administrative access, or for emergencies.
- Permits for commercial filming, unless stipulated and authorized in an outfitting and guiding permit, shall not be issued.

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Geographic Areas with Recreation Resources